

~~Please amend claim 13 as follows:~~

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13. (amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein said oocyte is a human oocyte.

~~Please amend claim 15 as follows:~~

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15. (amended) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of contacting said oocyte with sperm prior to or during said activation.

~~Please amend claim 16 as follows:~~

16. (amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said activation is performed in the absence of sperm.

Cancel Claims 2, 6-12, 14 and 17-18.